

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Dresch on 9/16/05.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the file specifying information includes at least one of a path indicating a storage location of the subject file and a file number of the subject file.
3. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the file type identifying information includes a format type of the subject file.
4. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the file type identifying information includes information directly indicating whether the subject file comprises the moving image file or the still image file.
5. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the file type identifying information includes an extension of a file name of the subject file.
6. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the file type identifying information includes file type information indicating a file type of the subject file, the file type information comprising initial letters of a file name of the subject file.

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7. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the scene specifying information includes a frame number specifying where a frame corresponding to the image data of the subject scene is in the moving image file.

8. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein the scene specifying information includes start position information of the image data of the subject scene in the moving image file.

9. (Original) The print designating method as defined in claim 8, wherein the start position information includes an offset address from one of a top of the moving image file and a bottom of a header of the moving image file.

10. (Original) The print designating method as defined in claim 8, wherein the scene specifying information further includes information indicating a length of the image data of the subject scene.

11. (Currently amended) A printing method for printing an image designated with print designating information stored in a print designation file in a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored,

wherein the print designating information includes:

file specifying information for specifying a subject file including the image to be printed;

and

file type identifying information for identifying that whether the subject file comprises a moving image file ~~or a still image file~~, and

~~wherein if the subject file comprises the moving image file, the print designating information~~ further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file,

wherein the printing method comprises:

reading the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information; and

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determining whether the subject file comprises ~~a~~ the still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the file type identifying information,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file, the printing method further comprises printing the image data in the subject file, and

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file, the printing method further comprises:

reading the scene specifying information;

taking the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance with the scene specifying information; and

printing the image data of the subject scene.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) The print designating device as defined in claim 14 [[12]], wherein: the print designating device comprises an electronic camera comprising an imaging device and a recording device which encodes and stores image data obtained through the imaging device in the recording medium; and the electronic camera stores the file including the image data and the print designation file in the recording medium.

14. (Currently amended) A printing device for printing an image designated with print designating information stored in a print designation file in a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored,

wherein the print designating information includes:

file specifying information for specifying a subject file including the image to be printed;

and

file type identifying information for identifying that ~~whether~~ the subject file comprises a moving image file or a still image file, and

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~~wherein if the subject file comprises the moving image file, the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file,~~

wherein the printing device comprises:

a print designation file reading device which reads the print designation file in the recording medium;

a subject file reading device which reads the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information in the print designation file;

a file type determining device which determines whether the subject file comprises a the still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the file type identifying information in the print designation file; and

a print controlling device,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file by the file type determining device, the print controlling device executes printing of the image data in the subject file, and

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file by the file type determining device, the print controlling device reads the scene specifying information in the print designation file, takes the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance with the scene specifying information, and executes printing of the image data of the subject scene.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently amended) A computer readable ~~program-recording~~ medium in which a program for performing a process with a computer is stored, the process comprising:

accessing a recording medium in which a file including image data is stored, and reading out information from the recording medium, and

determining if the recording medium includes a print designation file,

wherein if the recording medium has the print designation file in which print designating information is stored, the print designating information including:

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file specifying information for specifying a subject file including an image to be printed;
and

file type identifying information for identifying a file type of the subject file,

wherein [[if]] the subject file comprises a moving image file, and

wherein the print designating information further includes scene specifying information
for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file; ~~then~~
the process further comprising ~~comprises~~:

reading the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying
information; and

determining whether the subject file comprises a still image file or the moving image file
in accordance with the file type identifying information,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file, the process further
comprises executing printing of the image data in the subject file, and

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file, the process further comprises:

reading the scene specifying information;

taking the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance
with the scene specifying information; and

executing printing of the image data of the subject scene.

17. (Currently amended) A program code, represented by a signal and stored on a computer
readable recording medium, for performing a process with a computer, the process comprising:

accessing a ~~the~~ recording medium in which a file including image data is stored, and
reading out information from the recording medium, and

determining if the recording medium includes a print designation file,

wherein if the recording medium has the print designation file in which print designating
information is stored, the print designating information including:

file specifying information for specifying a subject file including an image to be printed;
and

file type identifying information for identifying a file type of the subject file,

wherein [[if]] the subject file comprises a moving image file, and

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wherein the print designating information further includes scene specifying information for specifying a subject scene to be printed in the moving image file; ~~then~~ the process further comprising ~~comprises~~:

reading the subject file from the recording medium in accordance with the file specifying information; and

determining whether the subject file comprises a still image file or the moving image file in accordance with the file type identifying information,

wherein if the subject file is determined as the still image file, the process further comprises executing printing of the image data in the subject file, and

wherein if the subject file is determined as the moving image file, the process further comprises:

reading the scene specifying information;

taking the image data out of the subject scene in the moving image file in accordance with the scene specifying information; and

executing printing of the image data of the subject scene.

18-23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein said print designating information is stored in the print designation file in the recording medium without duplicating image data of the image to be printed.

25. (Currently amended) The print designating device as defined in claim 14 [[12]], wherein the print designation file preparing device stores the print designating information in the print designation file in the recording medium without duplicating image data of the image to be printed.

26. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein said print designating information is stored in the print designation file in the recording medium

without duplicating image data of the image to be printed and thereby minimizing waste of a memory capacity of the recording medium.

27. (Currently amended) The print designating device as defined in claim 14 [[12]], wherein the print designation file preparing device stores the print designating information in the print designation file in the recording medium without duplicating image data of the image to be printed and thereby minimizing waste of a memory capacity of the recording medium.

28. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein said recording medium includes only a single copy of image data of the image to be printed.

29. (Currently amended) The print designating device as defined in claim 14 [[12]], wherein said recording medium includes only a single copy of image data of the image to be printed.

30. (Currently amended) The print designating method as defined in claim 11 [[1]], wherein said print designating information is stored in the print designation file in the recording medium without redundantly storing image data of the image to be printed.

31. (Currently amended) The print designating device as defined in claim 14 [[12]], wherein the print designation file preparing device stores the print designating information in the print designation file in the recording medium without redundantly storing image data of the image to be printed.